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The Sinification process in Kwangtung was advanced by the T'ang Dynasty (618 to 906) through the establishment of military agricultural colonies in the area and through its use as a place of exile for political and literary figures who had fallen into disgrace in the North. So great was the T'ang influence, that large sections of the Kwangtung people still refer to themselves as T'ang-jen (men of T'ang), rather than as Han-jen (men of Han) as is done commonly in most of China.[15] Under the Sung Dynasty (960 to 1279), Kwangtung became thoroughly Chinese in culture when the nomadic conquest of North China caused a large number of its great families to flee south and settle there. Until recent times, nearly all of the prosperous clans of Kwangtung traced their history back to migration during the Sung period.[16]

While Kwangsi was subject to similar influences, its progress lagged until the end of the Ming Dynasty (1368 to 1644) and the beginning of the Ch'ing Dynasty (1644 to 1911). At least eighty per cent of the families calling themselves Han Chinese today in Kwangsi arrived there since the seventeenth century.[17]

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15. Ibid., p. 41.
16. Ibid., pp. 143-44.
17. Ibid., p. 144.

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The rugged terrain of the province, particularly the western portion, has made it a natural haven for bandits and political dissidents. They have posed a problem for every ruler there, including the current Communist regime.[18]

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While the native cultures of Honan, Kwangsi,

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18. A western traveler in Kwangsi around 1910 remarked on the prevalence of robbers in the province; William E. Geil, Eighteen Capitals of China, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Co., 1911, pp. 118-20. In the first half of 1951, a Communist summary of bandit suppression campaigns in South China (Kwangtung and Kwangsi) reported 261, 686 "bandits" killed, wounded or captured. Of this total, 242, 730 were accounted for in Kwangsi: Survey of China Mainland Press, Hong Kong, American Consulate, 172, p. 17. These figures should not be taken as estimates of the actual number of robbers in the two provinces, but as indicative of the relative incidence of overt social and political dissidence in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The figures evidently do not include members of the Kuomintang army. See Ibid., 212, pp. 23-28; and Current Background, Hong Kong, American Consulate, 39, pp. 18-20. The citations from Survey of the China Mainland Press and Current Background refer to literal translations of material in Communist magazines and newspapers, and should be evaluated accordingly.